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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

RIMINI STREET, INC., a Nevada  
 corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

ORACLE INTERNATIONAL  
 CORPORATION, a California corporation,  
 and ORACLE AMERICA, INC., a Delaware  
 corporation,

Defendants.

AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS.

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CASE NO. 2:14-CV-01699-LRH-CWH

**CORRECTED THIRD AMENDED  
 COMPLAINT FOR:**

**(1) DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF  
 NONINFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT  
 (2) DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF  
 NO HACKING  
 (3) DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF  
 COPYRIGHT MISUSE  
 (4) INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE  
 WITH CONTRACT  
 (5) INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE  
 WITH PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC  
 ADVANTAGE  
 (6) VIOLATION OF NEVADA  
 DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT  
 (7) VIOLATION OF LANHAM ACT  
 (8) VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS. &  
 PROF. CODE §§ 17200, ET SEQ.**

**(JURY TRIAL DEMANDED)**

1 Plaintiff Rimini Street, Inc. (“Rimini”), for its Third Amended Complaint against  
2 Defendants Oracle International Corporation and Oracle America, Inc. (unless otherwise  
3 indicated, together, “Oracle”), alleges as follows:

4 **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

5 1. Rimini was founded by Seth Ravin in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2005 with his own  
6 savings and money raised from friends and family. Rimini was formed in response to the  
7 tremendous customer demand for an alternative choice to the costly and unending upgrade  
8 cycles, rising support fees, and layers of hidden maintenance costs associated with traditional  
9 models of aftermarket support provided by enterprise software vendors like Oracle without any  
10 meaningful competition. Rimini has signed more than 1,850 clients around the world since its  
11 inception (with each supported product line for a given company representing a separate client),  
12 including more than 150 of the Fortune 500 and Fortune Global 100 (many of them leading  
13 technology companies), that have chosen Rimini for financial savings and a superior support  
14 model that better meets their needs. Rimini’s clients also include many government, public  
15 sector, and not-for-profit organizations around the world.

16 2. Since its inception, Rimini has experienced consistent, rapid growth due to client  
17 success with its support offering. Indeed, Rimini has reported 43 consecutive quarters of  
18 revenue growth, with an average annual growth rate of 37% since 2010, and now has annual  
19 run-rate revenues of \$163 million. As of September 30, 2016, Rimini has more than 830 active  
20 worldwide employees, an increase of 30% year-over-year, with more than 400 in the United  
21 States. Rimini is planning to become a public company, with an initial public offering of its  
22 stock.

23 3. Rimini’s vision and business plan has always been to serve the large and  
24 growing global demand for alternative choices in aftermarket support services for enterprise  
25 software products, like those offered by Oracle. Unlike the extensive availability of aftermarket  
26 alternative choices in local mechanics and repair shops for automobiles or other consumer  
27 goods, the aftermarket for enterprise software support has been characterized by the very  
28

1 expensive and often unresponsive offerings of the software vendors themselves, and few  
2 alternative choices for consumers.

3 4. Enterprise software licensees want alternative choices to the expensive  
4 aftermarket support offered by enterprise software vendors like Oracle because the traditional  
5 model involves (i) costly and unending upgrade and update cycles in order to be eligible to  
6 continue receiving full support services, (ii) uplift penalty charges for licensees that choose *not*  
7 to upgrade (the upgrade may not be wanted or needed), and (iii) supplemental costs for support  
8 services that are traditionally “out of scope,” but regularly needed by licensees, such as support  
9 for customizations, performance, and interoperability.

10 5. By contrast, Rimini’s aftermarket support program includes these traditionally  
11 “out of scope” support services at no extra charge, provides ultra-responsive 24 x 7 support  
12 with 15-minute emergency response guarantees, and offers its clients dedicated, named  
13 engineers with an average of 15 years of experience—all at around 50% of the annual support  
14 fees demanded by enterprise software vendors. By using Rimini for support, enterprise  
15 software licensees can save up to 90% on their total operating costs over a decade, and they  
16 receive a highly responsive support model where clients on average rate their satisfaction with  
17 solving cases at more than 4.8 out of 5.0 (where 5.0 is “excellent”), compared to remaining on  
18 the software vendor’s expensive and unresponsive annual support program and model.

19 6. Rimini initially offered aftermarket services for Oracle’s Siebel software  
20 product, and later expanded its offerings to include support for Oracle’s PeopleSoft, JD  
21 Edwards, Database, E-Business Suite, and other software products. To date, hundreds of Oracle  
22 software licensees have enjoyed and successfully utilized Rimini support services.

23 7. Rimini’s success has made it the leading global provider of independent  
24 aftermarket enterprise software support services for Oracle software products. And Rimini is  
25 poised for even greater growth.

26 8. Rimini’s success, however, has also made it a target. Rimini’s offering of  
27 independent aftermarket support for Oracle software products, and the decision of Oracle  
28 licensees to purchase Rimini’s services, pose a direct competitive threat to Oracle, the world’s

1 largest enterprise software company, and the high-margin support contracts that bring it billions  
2 of dollars every year.

3 9. This action arises from just the latest chapter in Oracle's attempt to slow  
4 Rimini's growth and protect Oracle's inflated profits. Oracle's harassment and anticompetitive  
5 tactics to stave off competition from Rimini began soon after Rimini's inception. Indeed, within  
6 days following Rimini's announced service offering for Oracle's Siebel software in 2005,  
7 Oracle sent a threatening letter to Rimini, and such threatening and hostile letters continued  
8 from 2005 to 2009. During this same period, Oracle refused each and every one of Rimini's  
9 offers to meet "anywhere, any time" to attempt a resolution of any Oracle concerns.

10 10. In addition to its threatening letters, Oracle took a number of anticompetitive  
11 steps designed to make it more difficult and costly for independent aftermarket support  
12 providers to compete and service their Oracle licensee clients. For example, in 2007, Oracle  
13 changed its website terms of use to preclude third-party support providers like Rimini from  
14 using automated tools to assist clients in downloading the potentially thousands of software  
15 support files from Oracle's website to which the clients were entitled and had paid Oracle for  
16 in full, requiring instead that substantial additional time and labor resources be expended to  
17 download the same (client-entitled and fully-paid-for) files manually.

18 11. Despite Oracle's anticompetitive conduct between 2005 and 2009, licensees  
19 continued to turn to Rimini in record numbers to escape Oracle's punitive business practices,  
20 unresponsive service, and costly support model. So, on January 25, 2010, Oracle sued Rimini  
21 for copyright infringement (the "*Rimini I*" case) and 11 other causes of action for alleged  
22 business misconduct.

23 12. On January 28, 2010, three days after Oracle filed its complaint, Oracle's then-  
24 Executive Vice President of Customer Services, Juergen Rottler, was quoted in an article  
25 threatening third parties that dare compete with Oracle for aftermarket service of Oracle's  
26 products, stating, "*We believe we should be the ones to support our customers, . . . If you're*  
27 *a third party support provider offering multivendor support, we're coming. We're coming.*"  
28

1           13. Rimini did not believe it was infringing any Oracle copyrights, and had no  
2 interest in infringing Oracle's copyrights or engaging in any wrongful conduct. After years of  
3 litigation, Rimini was found liable for infringing specific Oracle copyrights based on its use of  
4 certain legacy support processes. The jury specifically found that Rimini did not "willfully"  
5 infringe any of Oracle's copyrights, and instead found that Rimini's infringement was  
6 "innocent" (meaning that Rimini "was not aware that its acts constituted infringement" and  
7 "had no reason to believe that its acts constituted infringement"). Rimini was also found liable  
8 for continuing to use automated tools to download files from Oracle's websites for a brief period  
9 after Oracle changed its website terms of use to prohibit the use of such tools.

10           14. The jury rejected Oracle's claim that Mr. Ravin was vicariously or personally  
11 liable for any of the innocent infringement, rejected Oracle's damages claim of \$249 million,  
12 and instead awarded only \$50 million, which included a Fair Market Value License for the use  
13 of Oracle's copyrighted works. Further, the jury found that Oracle suffered no lost profits as a  
14 result of the "innocent" infringement, it rejected all of Oracle's claims for tortious interference,  
15 and it refused to award Oracle punitive damages. In the end, Oracle withdrew or lost 9 out of  
16 the 12 claims it pursued aggressively against Rimini for years.

17           15. Oracle did not publicize these findings by the jury, and instead mounted a  
18 campaign to misrepresent to Rimini's clients and prospective clients the results of the litigation  
19 and the nature of Rimini's support services.

20           16. While Rimini respectfully disagrees with the Court's findings, it has complied  
21 with the support process changes required by the Court, has paid the judgment to Oracle in full,  
22 and is pursuing an appeal of the judgment with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

23           17. Since the *Rimini I* trial ended in October 2015, Rimini's growth has accelerated,  
24 it has launched support for additional Oracle product lines, and it continues to expand its  
25 operations. But, undoubtedly in response to Rimini's continued growth and success, Oracle  
26 has expanded its efforts to interfere with Rimini's client relationships.

27           18. Despite the modifications Rimini has made to its processes to ensure compliance  
28 with the Court's orders in *Rimini I* (pending appeal) and with Oracle's licenses, and although

Oracle's most senior executives have conceded publicly and under oath, as they must, that Oracle licensees are free to use third parties instead of Oracle for their aftermarket support needs (or even "self-support" without any outside assistance), Oracle clearly wants to keep potential competitors and Oracle licensees guessing about how to comply with Oracle's complex licensing rules. To this day, after a decade of harassment and litigation, Oracle still refuses to tell its licensees what practices it views as proper. This game-playing should stop. Consumers have spoken, and they want the ability to freely, without harassment or threat, exercise their legal right to choose an alternative aftermarket support provider instead of the software vendor's offering. Oracle should stop interfering with its licensees' rights and with legal, open market competition, and choice.

19. Rimini wants certainty, and has thus brought this action seeking a declaration that its current processes do not infringe Oracle's copyrights.

20. Rimini also wants a level, fair market playing field. Thus, Rimini brings this further action to put a stop to Oracle's deceptive and anticompetitive conduct and practices that are designed to slow Rimini's growth and foreclose competition in aftermarket support for Oracle's software products.

21. Oracle says that it invites fair and open competition, but its actions prove otherwise. Indeed, there is overwhelming evidence that Oracle has orchestrated and implemented a scheme to disparage Rimini and its services with false and misleading statements to Rimini's current and prospective clients. For example, Oracle knows that Rimini and other third parties may legally provide support for Oracle software, and that Oracle licensees may legally purchase third-party support. As Oracle's own co-CEO testified under oath, "*customers are free to use someone other than Oracle for their maintenance and support*" and "*[i]t is the customer's choice.*" (Emphasis added.) But privately, Oracle tells customers, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This is a false statement, plain and simple, and Oracle knows it. Oracle also makes numerous other false and deceptive statements regarding Rimini's services. These statements include that [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED], among many other false and deceptive statements. Oracle makes  
4 these false statements to try to interfere with and slow Rimini's growth and foreclose  
5 competition in aftermarket service for Oracle's software products.

6 22. After engaging in these deceptive and anticompetitive practices for years, Oracle  
7 recently took an unprecedented step in its campaign to foreclose competition for aftermarket  
8 software support and interfere with Rimini's existing and prospective economic relationships.  
9 On January 17, 2017, Oracle sent Rimini a letter providing Rimini 60 days' notice of Oracle's  
10 intent to "terminate and revoke any and all permissions, licenses and rights that [Rimini] has  
11 been granted to access Oracle's support websites." [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] Despite being fully  
16 aware that Rimini was offering those services to its clients for more than a decade, and despite  
17 having brought dozens of claims against Rimini in litigation since 2010, Oracle never claimed,  
18 until it sent its letter, that it was improper for its customers to use Rimini to provide these  
19 services. Oracle's sudden and baseless notice of revocation of Rimini's access rights is a brazen  
20 anticompetitive and tortious act, and it will have direct and harmful effects on clients and the  
21 competitive market.

22 23. Oracle's conduct constitutes intentional interference with Rimini's contractual  
23 relations, intentional interference with Rimini's prospective economic advantage, and it  
24 violates the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the Lanham Act, and California's Unfair  
25 Competition Law. Further, Rimini seeks a declaration that Oracle's notice of revocation of  
26 Rimini's access to Oracle's support websites constitutes copyright misuse, and that Rimini's  
27 continued access to those websites would not constitute hacking under the federal, California,  
28 or Nevada anti-hacking laws.



**PARTIES**

24. Plaintiff Rimini is a Nevada corporation, with its headquarters in Las Vegas.

25. Defendant Oracle International Corporation is a California corporation, with its principal place of business in Redwood City, California. Oracle International Corporation is the owner or exclusive licensee of the copyrights at issue in this action.

26. Defendant Oracle America, Inc. is a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business in Redwood City, California. Oracle America, Inc. competes with Rimini in providing aftermarket software support services to enterprises that purchase Oracle software.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

27. This Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338 over the first, second, third, and seventh causes of action. The first cause of action arises under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.*, and is brought pursuant to the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201. The second cause of action arises, in part, under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1030 *et seq.*, and is brought pursuant to the Declaratory Judgment Act. The third cause of action arises under the federal common law relating to copyright misuse, and is brought pursuant to the Declaratory Judgment Act. The seventh cause of action arises under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1051 *et seq.*

28. This Court has supplemental subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims asserted in the second, fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth causes of action under 28 U.S.C. § 1367, because these claims are so related to Rimini's claims under federal law that they form part of the same case or controversy and derive from a common nucleus of operative facts.

29. This Court also has original subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because there is a complete diversity of citizenship between Plaintiff and Defendants, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.

30. Rimini is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief alleges, that Oracle International Corporation and Oracle America, Inc. have systematically and continuously availed themselves of the privilege of doing business in Nevada to exploit the copyrights at issue in this action. These copyrights are currently being asserted against Rimini



1 in *Rimini I*, which Oracle International Corporation and Oracle America, Inc. themselves  
2 brought in this District. Oracle International Corporation and Oracle America, Inc. have also  
3 asserted counterclaims in this very action. Oracle International Corporation and Oracle  
4 America, Inc. therefore have sufficient contacts with this District in connection with the facts  
5 alleged in this action. Oracle International Corporation and Oracle America, Inc. are thus  
6 subject to personal jurisdiction in this Court.

7 31. Venue in this District is appropriate, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, because a  
8 substantial part of the events giving rise to the dispute occurred in this District and because the  
9 Court has personal jurisdiction over Oracle International Corporation and Oracle America, Inc.  
10 as alleged throughout this Complaint.

11 32. Assignment to the Las Vegas division is proper under Civil Local Rule IA8-1(a)  
12 because this action arises, in part, in Las Vegas, where Rimini is headquartered and where  
13 *Rimini I* was litigated.

#### 14 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

15 33. For more than a decade, Oracle licensees have clamored for an alternative choice  
16 to the never-ending cycle of forced software upgrades and updates, and the exorbitant annual  
17 fees charged by Oracle for its aftermarket support. Rimini has increasingly become a preferred  
18 alternative to Oracle's support offering, with its client-focused, ultra-responsive support service  
19 and significant savings.

20 34. But Rimini's success has also caused it to become a target. Indeed, from soon  
21 after Rimini's inception to the present, Oracle has sought to curb Rimini's growth by any means  
22 possible in order to protect its multi-billion-dollar cash cow of high-margin support contracts.

23 35. Oracle is currently engaging in an anticompetitive and deceptive scheme to  
24 broadly disseminate false and misleading statements throughout Rimini's current and  
25 prospective client base with the intent of causing fear, uncertainty, and doubt regarding  
26 Rimini's services. Moreover, on January 17, 2017, Oracle took the unprecedented step of  
27 providing notice that it intended to revoke Rimini's access to Oracle's software support  
28 websites, which Rimini has been accessing on behalf of its clients to provide aftermarket

1 software support services for more than a decade. This scheme has caused, and continues to  
2 cause, damage to Rimini's business.

3 36. Upon information and belief, this scheme has been, and continues to be,  
4 orchestrated and led by Oracle management in the United States, including, without limitation,  
5 at Oracle's headquarters in California.

6 **A. Oracle's False and Misleading Statements Regarding Rimini's Services**

7 37. As part of Oracle's efforts to slow Rimini's growth, Oracle has disseminated  
8 numerous false and misleading statements regarding Rimini's services throughout Rimini's  
9 current and prospective client base in an effort to persuade those current and prospective clients  
10 to terminate their relationships with Rimini.

11 38. Customers shopping for enterprise software want to ensure that after purchasing  
12 their software license, and spending significant time and resources implementing and  
13 integrating that software into vital aspects of their businesses, they will have the option of  
14 selecting and using an alternative to the enterprise software vendor's support offering and  
15 model. Accordingly, to induce enterprises to purchase its software, Oracle states publicly that  
16 its licensees are free to support and maintain their software themselves ("self-support") or  
17 through third parties like Rimini, and [REDACTED]

18 39. For example, Oracle's co-CEO testified under oath in September 2015 that  
19 Oracle's "customers are free to use someone other than Oracle for their maintenance and  
20 support" and that "[i]t is the customer's choice" of whether to use Oracle or a third party for  
21 such maintenance and support. Indeed, Oracle's publicly stated philosophy with regard to such  
22 competition is "bring it on" because "competition makes you better" and "keeps you very, very  
23 sharp." Oracle's Senior Vice President of Alliances and Channels for Europe, Middle East, and  
24 Asia, David Callaghan, has publicly echoed these statements about customer choice. In an  
25 article published in August 2016 for which he was asked about competition from "[t]hird-party  
26 support providers," Mr. Callaghan stated, "In a free market there will always be competition.  
27 We respect our customers, and customers have a choice. . . . It means organizations like ours  
28 can never and should never be complacent. You have to earn the right."

1           40. Oracle has also stated publicly that its software licenses permit third-party  
2 support. Oracle's Senior Vice President of Global Practices, Richard Allison, confirmed in  
3 sworn trial testimony that Oracle's licenses permit third-party support providers like Rimini to  
4 "dial in remotely to the customer's facility and access and use the software that way." [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]

13           41. While Oracle publicly states that it respects "customer choice" and that third-  
14 party support is a viable option, internal documents written by Oracle's senior management,  
15 along with Oracle's private correspondence with its licensees, tell a vastly different story.

16 [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]

21           42. [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]  
23 [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED]  
26 [REDACTED]  
27 [REDACTED]  
28 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED] These statements are false, as Oracle well knows. Upon information and belief, Oracle  
7 has made similar false and misleading statements about [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED] to other Rimini current and prospective  
9 clients.

10 43. As set forth in detail below, Oracle's latest anticompetitive maneuver further  
11 underscores the disingenuous nature of Oracle's public statements that it accepts and welcomes  
12 third-party support. On January 17, 2017, Oracle sent Rimini a letter providing Rimini 60 days'  
13 notice of Oracle's intent to revoke Rimini's access to Oracle's support websites. In doing so,  
14 Oracle made clear its intent to block every one of its licensees from [REDACTED]  
15 use Rimini to access and download support files from Oracle's websites—services that those  
16 licensees want to purchase from Rimini.

17 44. Oracle has also falsely described to a number of Rimini's current and  
18 prospective clients [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]  
22 [REDACTED]  
23 [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED]  
26 [REDACTED]  
27 [REDACTED] Oracle knew or should have known that Rimini  
28 offers its clients complex and sophisticated software application, repository, and customization

fixes, and patent-pending tax, legal, and regulatory research technology, among many other services, that [REDACTED]

45. Another example of Oracle's false and misleading representations about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This too is false. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Upon information and belief, Oracle has used [REDACTED] as a template to disseminate such false and misleading representations to a number of Rimini's prospective and current clients.

46. In a similar vein, [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED] Upon information and belief, Oracle has used this and similar [REDACTED]  
5 during its discussions with Rimini's current and prospective clients to disseminate such  
6 misleading representations, and it continues to do so.

7 47. [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] Upon information and belief,  
22 Oracle representatives have used this and similar [REDACTED] to disseminate false and  
23 misleading representations regarding [REDACTED] to Rimini's prospective  
24 and current client base.

25 48. Oracle has also made the false statement to its licensees that [REDACTED]  
26 [REDACTED]  
27 [REDACTED]  
28 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This statement is false, and Oracle knew or should have known of its falsity.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Upon information and belief, Oracle has used, and continues to use, these and similar [REDACTED] to dissuade Rimini's current and prospective client base from establishing or continuing their relationships with Rimini.

49. Oracle has also falsely represented to Rimini's prospective and existing clients that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

50. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



1 [REDACTED] Despite that capacity, Oracle  
2 continues to make these false statements, and has now purported to revoke Rimini's access to  
3 Oracle's websites based in part on the groundless insinuation [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]  
5 51. Oracle has also falsely represented to Rimini's clients that [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]  
14 Upon information and belief, Oracle has disseminated, and continues to disseminate, similar  
15 false statements to prospective and current Rimini clients.

16 52. And Oracle continues to tell Rimini's client base that [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]  
22 [REDACTED]  
23 [REDACTED] Thus, upon information and belief, Oracle has made this and similar  
24 statements to Rimini's current and prospective clients that [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]  
26 53. Upon information and belief, Oracle has disseminated other false, misleading,  
27 and disparaging statements regarding Rimini's services and business model throughout  
28 Rimini's current and prospective client base that are similar to the statements alleged herein.

1 Therefore, Oracle's false, misleading, and disparaging statements discussed throughout this  
2 Complaint are exemplary only, and other instances of Oracle's misconduct will be proven at  
3 trial. Further, upon information and belief, the examples discussed herein are not isolated  
4 instances but reflect a calculated scheme by Oracle to interfere with Rimini's client  
5 relationships.

6 54. Oracle knew, or should have known, that the above statements by Oracle to  
7 Rimini's current and prospective clients are false and misleading because of Oracle's intimate  
8 familiarity with Rimini's services as a result of, among other things, years of litigation and  
9 discovery, including production of millions of pages of documents and data with details about  
10 Rimini's processes.

11 55. The apparent intent of Oracle's various false, misleading, and disparaging  
12 statements regarding Rimini's services is to cause fear and uncertainty among Rimini's client  
13 base in the hope that these deceptive statements will slow Rimini's rapid growth by dissuading  
14 licensees that are considering contracting with Rimini from doing so, and induce licensees that  
15 have already chosen Rimini to return to Oracle for support. Indeed, Oracle contacts its licensees  
16 soon after receiving information that the licensee is considering choosing Rimini or that the  
17 licensee has in fact signed a contract with Rimini. For example, [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 56. While Rimini has continued to focus on providing excellent and responsive  
23 support at the best possible value for its clients, Oracle's conduct has had its intended effect on  
24 some Rimini clients and prospective clients. [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

26 [REDACTED] Indeed, but for Oracle's interference and as a direct result of Oracle's  
27 anticompetitive and coercive conduct, some prospective clients that would have selected Rimini  
28 for their aftermarket support services decided against doing so, some current Rimini clients

1 decided not to expand their relationships with Rimini, and some other Rimini clients terminated  
2 their relationships with Rimini. Upon information and belief, such clients include, for example,  
3 [REDACTED],  
4 a construction materials manufacturer, and [REDACTED]. Other  
5 Rimini clients have decided against expanding their existing relationship with Rimini because  
6 of Oracle's conduct, including, upon information and belief, [REDACTED].

7 **B. Oracle's Selective Threats of License Audits Targeting Rimini's Clients**

8 57. Oracle is also using the threat of software license audits to interfere with  
9 Rimini's client relationships. While Oracle is permitted to audit its customers' licenses under  
10 its license agreements, Oracle uses its audit power to improperly harass Rimini's clients and  
11 interfere with Rimini's business. Indeed, as one former Oracle licensee recently stated publicly,  
12 Oracle is "notorious around the globe for their predatory audit practices." The licensee  
13 continued, "Oracle and its related entities utilize the limited audit rights granted to them under  
14 their software license agreements as a tool to improperly drive further sales of Oracle software  
15 products."

16 58. In letters to Rimini client [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]  
22 [REDACTED]  
23 [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED]  
26 [REDACTED]  
27 [REDACTED]  
28 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED] Upon information and belief, other clients have terminated their contracts with  
3 Rimini or opted not to renew because of Oracle's threats and actions.

4 **C. Oracle's Attempt to Foreclose Competition by Revoking Rimini's Access to**  
5 **Oracle's Websites**

6 59. Less than two weeks after the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth  
7 Circuit entered an order staying the permanent injunction entered by this Court in *Rimini I*,  
8 Oracle's outside counsel in this case informed Rimini's counsel, for the first time, that it would  
9 be filing a claim for declaratory relief. Oracle's counsel did not disclose the basis for  
10 declaratory relief on the ground that it was work product.

11 60. On January 17, 2017, Oracle sent Rimini a cease and desist letter stating that, in  
12 60 days, Oracle intended to revoke Rimini's access to the Oracle websites where Oracle makes  
13 its updates, patches, and other support materials available for licensees of Oracle enterprise  
14 software products, including support.oracle.com, edelivery.oracle.com,  
15 updatecenter.oracle.com, and "any Oracle Single Sign On account" (collectively, the "Oracle  
16 Websites"). This retaliatory action was undertaken with the clear intent to interfere with and  
17 harm Rimini's prospective and current contractual relationships.

18 61. Also on January 17, 2017, Oracle filed amended counterclaims in this litigation  
19 and included three new claims for declaratory relief. Recognizing that its conduct is potentially  
20 unlawful, Oracle has requested that the Court hold that Oracle's purported revocation of  
21 Rimini's access does not constitute intentional interference with Rimini's contractual  
22 relationships, interference with Rimini's expectation of prospective economic advantage, or an  
23 unfair business practice under California Business and Professions Code § 17200.

24 62. Oracle's support customers pay [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED]—to obtain technical support services from Oracle for the enterprise software they license.  
26 By signing up, these customers obtain the right to access, download, and use the bug fixes,  
27 patches, and updates that Oracle makes available on the Oracle Websites for its enterprise  
28 software. But when a customer decides to transition from Oracle to Rimini, they lose access to

1 the Oracle Websites on the day their support contract with Oracle expires. Thus, if these  
2 customers do not download copies of the support files they want before their Oracle support  
3 contract lapses, it is Oracle's policy that the customer will lose access to the software they have  
4 paid for the right to possess and use.

5 63. These customers naturally want to retain the support files they are entitled to,  
6 but doing so is a complicated and time-consuming task. The Oracle Websites contain millions  
7 of software files, and Oracle provides no meaningful assistance to its customers to help them  
8 determine which of the files they are entitled to or will be useful. Because Rimini has more  
9 than 10 years of experience helping clients navigate the Oracle Websites,  
10 customers transitioning off Oracle support routinely engage Rimini to assist them in setting the  
11 scope and identity of the support files they are entitled to, and then appoint Rimini as their agent  
12 to execute downloads on their behalf.

13 64. Rimini has been offering these services to its clients for over a decade, with  
14 Oracle's full knowledge. Oracle does not dispute that its customers are permitted to hire third  
15 parties like Rimini to perform such services, or that these third parties are entitled to download  
16 copies of support materials from the Oracle Websites. [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]

22 65. If Oracle strips its customers [REDACTED] select and use Rimini as their  
23 authorized third party to access the Oracle Websites and download support materials, the  
24 customers face the prospect of failing to obtain these valuable materials for which they have  
25 paid Oracle [REDACTED]. This makes it more burdensome for customers to transition  
26 off Oracle support, and serves as a strong disincentive against switching from Oracle to Rimini  
27 as a competitive aftermarket service.

66. Oracle’s actions are designed to completely foreclose its customers from using “a competing company”—Rimini, Oracle’s largest competitor—“to access [Oracle’s] support materials,” a result that this Court made clear would constitute copyright misuse during *Rimini I*. See *Rimini I*, ECF No. 111 at 8.

67. Oracle’s proffered bases for suddenly terminating Rimini’s lawful, contractually supported access are entirely pretextual. In reality, Oracle’s transparent and anticompetitive motive is especially clear given Rimini’s more than 10 years of access to the Oracle Websites. Moreover, Oracle’s conduct—contrary to its allegations in its Third Amended Counterclaims—constitutes tortious interference with Rimini’s contractual and economic relations, an unfair business practice under § 17200, and blatant copyright misuse.

68. Although Rimini vehemently disputes that Oracle has the right to unilaterally revoke the access rights granted to Rimini by Oracle’s and Rimini’s shared customers, Rimini will refrain from accessing the Oracle Websites—to its clients’ detriment—until the illegitimacy of Oracle’s conduct has been adjudicated or is otherwise determined or resolved.

#### **1. Oracle’s Reasons for Attempting to Revoke Rimini’s Access Are Pretext**

69. In both its letter and its counterclaims, Oracle offers a number of purported justifications for attempting to revoke Rimini’s access, but none of Oracle’s reasons withstand even a cursory review.

70. For example, Oracle claims that revocation is proper because Rimini has conducted “massive downloads” at rates significantly higher than other Oracle customers. But the fact that Rimini, which is in the business of providing downloading support to its clients, engages in substantially more downloading activity than the average Oracle customer accessing the Oracle Websites is no surprise. Nor is it unusual, as Oracle alleges, that Rimini downloads a broad scope of materials (including files for different software platforms and files in different languages) on behalf of clients who are planning to leave Oracle support. Rimini’s clients often ask Rimini to download a comprehensive set of the support files they have paid for and are entitled to receive, in light of the fact that the clients will lose access to these files when their support agreement with Oracle expires. In other words, Oracle’s statistics are a red herring—

1 they confirm only that Rimini has a long and growing list of clients that want the downloading  
2 support [REDACTED], and the statistics certainly do not support  
3 any inference that Rimini is engaging in misconduct.

4 71. Notably, Oracle does not identify any harm to its websites based on Rimini's  
5 purportedly "massive" downloads. And, even more tellingly, Oracle does not dispute that the  
6 clients for whom Rimini performed these downloads could permissibly have downloaded  
7 precisely the same volume of files themselves. In reality, Oracle's objection is not to the  
8 download volumes, but to the fact that Rimini—Oracle's main competitor in the aftermarket  
9 for software support—is lawfully performing those downloads.

10 72. Oracle also refers to Rimini's "improper computer access" at issue in *Rimini I*.  
11 But, as Oracle well knows, Rimini Street stopped using automated download tools voluntarily  
12 before Oracle even filed suit in *Rimini I*. There has been no adjudication that Rimini has used  
13 any automatic tools on the Oracle Websites since that time. To the contrary, Rimini has  
14 repeatedly informed Oracle, via letters and court filings, that Rimini has not engaged in any  
15 automatic downloading. Further, upon information and belief, [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]  
17 Thus, Oracle's insinuations that Rimini has used prohibited automated download tools lack any  
18 factual basis.

19 73. Oracle also seeks to justify its purported revocation by citing to Rimini's  
20 "proven infringement" in *Rimini I*, but this too is baseless. The jury in *Rimini I* unanimously  
21 concluded that all adjudicated "infringement" was "innocent." As instructed by this Court, this  
22 finding of "innocent infringement" means that Rimini Street was not "aware" and had "no  
23 reason to believe that its acts constituted infringement." These findings are consistent with  
24 Rimini's long-standing position that it has endeavored to provide support consistent with  
25 Oracle's license agreements. Moreover, there has been no adjudication in this case of any  
26 infringement by Rimini related to downloading or anything else. Nor does Oracle's letter  
27 explain how Rimini's lawful downloading on behalf of clients constitutes a continuation of  
28



1 Rimini's "proven infringement," or why Oracle suddenly must revoke Rimini's access on this  
2 basis, more than a year after the jury verdict in *Rimini I*.

3 74. In sum, Oracle has failed to identify a single alleged violation or damage of any  
4 kind that would justify its actions. Devoid of any legitimate basis for revoking Rimini's access,  
5 Oracle's motives are clear: it wants to foreclose competition in the aftermarket for software  
6 support services. This is especially apparent when viewed in parallel with Oracle's campaign  
7 of fraudulent misrepresentations to Rimini's clients and other conduct designed to instill fear,  
8 uncertainty, and doubt about the lawfulness of third-party support, as alleged above.

9 75. Indeed, in Oracle's amended counterclaims filed January 17, 2017, Oracle  
10 pointedly alleged that in light of "Rimini's recent accusations of unlawful practices against  
11 Oracle, Oracle has determined that termination of Rimini's and Ravin's access to and use of  
12 Oracle's support websites is necessary to finally bring an end to Rimini's and Ravin's unlawful  
13 practices." Oracle thus has made clear that it has taken this action not for legitimate business  
14 reasons but instead to boycott, retaliate against, and harm Rimini for daring to enforce its legal  
15 rights and for daring to hold Oracle accountable for its unlawful and anticompetitive conduct.  
16 This is further evidence of Oracle's anticompetitive conduct and intent.

17 76. Oracle seeks to justify its illegal conduct by citing its website terms of use, which  
18 purportedly give Oracle the right to terminate access to the Oracle Websites "at any time, for  
19 any reason." [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]  
22 [REDACTED]  
23 [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED] Moreover, Oracle cannot  
25 terminate access to its support websites for an improper purpose, such as to impede legitimate  
26 competition, which is exactly what it is doing here.

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1           **2. Oracle’s Attempted Revocation Also Constitutes Copyright Misuse**

2           77. In addition to being entirely unjustified, Oracle’s conduct constitutes copyright  
3 misuse. Oracle is attempting to leverage its limited copyright power to control competition in  
4 the aftermarket for (uncopyrightable) software support services. Specifically, Oracle’s  
5 attempted revocation requires Oracle’s customers not to use Rimini—Oracle’s primary  
6 competitor in the aftermarket for software support—for access and downloading services  
7 related to those customers’ software support materials.

8           78. Oracle’s conduct indisputably violates the boundaries this Court set in *Rimini I*  
9 with respect to copyright misuse. In *Rimini I*, Rimini alleged a counterclaim for declaratory  
10 judgment of copyright misuse, and Oracle moved to dismiss. In granting Oracle’s motion, this  
11 Court drew a line in the sand, explaining that Oracle’s policies did not constitute copyright  
12 misuse because they were “only a limitation on third-party business models and [] *not a*  
13 *restriction on Oracle customers*” and did not “*preclude a customer from using either a*  
14 *competing company or no company at all to access its support materials.*” *Rimini I*, ECF  
15 No. 111 at 8 (emphasis added). Oracle has now crossed that line: the effect of Oracle’s  
16 revocation notice is that customers are now precluded from using Rimini, Oracle’s largest  
17 competitor, to access Oracle support materials.

18           79. Moreover, Oracle is leveraging its copyrights to accomplish the intended  
19 revocation. Oracle claims the right, based on its terms of use, to terminate any party’s access  
20 to its website “at any time for any reason.” Third Amended Counterclaims at ¶ 47. Thus,  
21 despite the fact that Oracle’s customers have paid [REDACTED] for the  
22 right to access the Oracle Websites, and despite Oracle’s failure to identify *any* harm or  
23 violation caused by Rimini’s downloading practices, Oracle now contends it can terminate the  
24 agency those customers have rightfully granted to Rimini to assist with certain downloading  
25 tasks. Oracle is only able to impose such unfavorable (and anticompetitive) conditions on its  
26 customers as a result of its copyright power—if a customer will not acquiesce to Oracle’s  
27 unfettered discretion to revoke, Oracle can refuse to offer to provide support services (including  
28 access to the copyrighted materials on the Oracle Websites).

80. Rimini and Oracle are competitors in the aftermarket (or aftermarkets) for software support. One service Rimini offers its clients is assistance in accessing the Oracle Websites and downloading support files that the customer has paid Oracle for in full and has a right to obtain, possess, and use. Clients appoint Rimini as their agent to perform these services. Oracle's letter claims that Oracle's purported revocation "extends to any permission, license, or right granted or allegedly granted to Rimini by a Rimini customer, Rimini prospective customer, or other third party." The "Rimini customer[s]" that grant Rimini permission to access the Oracle Websites are also Oracle customers that have paid Oracle for the right to possess and use the support materials located on the Oracle Websites and for the right to access the websites—including by using third parties like Rimini—to obtain those purchased materials. By attempting to revoke Rimini's access, Oracle is expressly and knowingly prohibiting its customers from using Rimini's services to access and download support materials. Oracle's conduct therefore forces its customers "not to use a competitor's products" and constitutes copyright misuse. *See* ECF No. 90 at 6.

81. As a result of Oracle's conduct, Oracle's customers that are transitioning to Rimini are forced to either download files themselves (and to navigate the Oracle Websites on their own, without Rimini's guidance), try to identify a third-party resource with the knowledge and capacity to navigate the Oracle Websites and perform the downloads, or leave Oracle support without having secured the files they paid for and are entitled to possess and use. This result does not promote "the broad public availability of the arts nor the public welfare." *Omega S.A. v. Costco Wholesale Corp.*, 776 F.3d 692, 705 (9th Cir. 2015) (Wardlaw, J. concurring). On the contrary, it reduces competition by making it more difficult for customers to leave Oracle support and eliminates customer choice in the aftermarket for software support services.

**3. Oracle's Revocation Notice Has Interfered with, and Will Continue to Interfere with, Rimini's Contractual and Prospective Economic Relationships**

82. Oracle's conduct also interferes with Rimini's contractual and economic relationships, and will continue to do so going forward.

1           83. While Rimini does not require clients to have software archives, Rimini has  
2 entered into contracts with nearly all of its clients, based on client demand, to provide support  
3 file downloading services before they leave Oracle support. [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]

14           84. Oracle is well aware that Rimini has been contracting with clients to provide  
15 such services for the past decade—Rimini and Rimini’s clients (in response to third-party  
16 subpoenas) have produced hundreds of agreements to Oracle in both *Rimini I* and this litigation  
17 containing variations of the above language. Oracle is also aware that Rimini is continually  
18 attempting to enter into new contracts with both current and prospective clients.

19           85. Oracle’s attempted revocation of Rimini’s access to the Oracle Websites is  
20 intentional, willful, and designed to interfere with Rimini’s contractual and economic relations.  
21 Oracle acted with the knowledge that its actions would cause such interference, and has no  
22 privilege or justification for doing so. And Oracle’s attempted revocation has disrupted, and  
23 will continue to disrupt, both Rimini’s current contracts with clients and Rimini’s economic  
24 relationships with current and prospective clients.

25           86. Indeed, Oracle’s revocation notice prevented Rimini from completing  
26 downloading services that Rimini was contractually obligated to provide. [REDACTED]

27 [REDACTED]  
28 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED]  
3 87. Moreover, Oracle's conduct has disrupted Rimini's performance of its  
4 contractual downloading obligations by making performance more burdensome. [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]

12 88. Oracle's purported revocation has also disrupted Rimini's enjoyment of  
13 economic gain from its existing economic relationships. [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]  
22 [REDACTED]  
23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED] Oracle's conduct has therefore significantly  
25 reduced the economic gain Rimini was reasonably likely to receive from its prospective client  
26 relationships.

27 89. Oracle's conduct will also continue to interfere with Rimini's contractual and  
28 economic relationships. [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]

9 90. Through Oracle's interference with Rimini's contractual and economic  
10 relationships, Oracle has also reduced the goodwill associated with Rimini's brand and  
11 damaged Rimini's reputation among its current clients and economic relationships.

12 **4. Oracle's Purported Revocation is Contrary to the Spirit of the Antitrust**  
13 **Laws and Harms Competition**

14 91. Oracle is the largest enterprise software company in the world, and it dominates  
15 the aftermarket for software support for its own software products, providing such services to  
16 the overwhelming majority of its software customers. Oracle maintains this dominance despite  
17 charging prices [REDACTED] what Rimini and other third-party support providers  
18 charge. [REDACTED]

19 92. Oracle seeks to use its market power to foreclose competition in the aftermarket  
20 or aftermarkets (including any submarkets) for software support for Oracle enterprise software.  
21 Indeed, Oracle has engaged in a campaign to spread fear, uncertainty, and doubt among  
22 customers, including through the pervasive use of false statements regarding third-party support  
23 for Oracle enterprise software. Moreover, despite leading its customers to believe at the time  
24 they license Oracle enterprise software that they are free to purchase aftermarket support  
25 services from third parties, Oracle has erected numerous hurdles to prevent its customers from  
26 using third-party support, including [REDACTED] and prohibiting the use  
27 of automated download tools on its websites (which makes it more difficult for clients to  
28 download the materials they have paid for prior to leaving Oracle support).

1           93. Oracle's purported revocation of Rimini's access to the Oracle Websites is yet  
2 another attempt by Oracle to foreclose third-party support in the aftermarket (or aftermarkets)  
3 for software support for its enterprise software. Oracle has been fully aware of Rimini's  
4 downloading services for over a decade, and has never taken the position that Rimini could not  
5 download support materials on behalf of customers until now. As alleged above, Oracle's  
6 proffered justifications for the revocation are entirely pretextual. In light of Oracle's long  
7 history of assenting to Rimini's provision of these services, and its failure to provide any  
8 legitimate basis for suddenly changing course, it is clear that Oracle's true motive is to foreclose  
9 competition from Rimini, its largest competitor for software support services.

10           94. Oracle's efforts to foreclose competition in the aftermarket (or aftermarkets) for  
11 software support violate the policy or spirit of the antitrust laws because the effects of Oracle's  
12 conduct are comparable to a violation of those laws, or otherwise significantly threaten or harm  
13 competition as described herein.

14           95. Rimini and Oracle compete in the relevant aftermarket (or aftermarkets) for  
15 software support for Oracle enterprise software. Rimini and Oracle compete for customers in  
16 California and throughout the United States.

17           96. The aftermarket (or aftermarkets) for software support are separate from, albeit  
18 derivative of, the primary market for Oracle's enterprise software. Indeed, but for the demand  
19 for Oracle's enterprise software, there would be no demand for support services for that  
20 software. [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] It is clear that support for  
22 Oracle's enterprise software is part of a separate, albeit derivative, aftermarket (or aftermarkets)  
23 for software support.

24           97. [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED]  
26 [REDACTED] In fact, Oracle leads its customers to believe, and customers reasonably believe,  
27 that they will be free to shop in the aftermarket (or aftermarkets) for software support despite  
28 their choice in the primary market. Further, at the time Oracle's customers entered into



1 agreements with Oracle, it was impossible for them to know that Oracle would later alter its  
2 practices in ways designed to deter competition for aftermarket software support, including  
3 Oracle's sudden and baseless termination of the customers' right to designate Rimini as a  
4 downloading support service provider. Accordingly, customers' selection of Oracle software  
5 is not the functional equivalent of a contractual commitment to permit Oracle's anticompetitive  
6 conduct in the aftermarket (or aftermarkets) for software support.

7 98. Oracle's customers generally pay [REDACTED] for Oracle's software and expend  
8 significant resources implementing and customizing that software to fit the needs of their  
9 business. Enterprise software customers often need to purchase necessary hardware to install  
10 the software, hire employees to maintain the software, and retain consultants to customize and  
11 integrate the software with their computer systems to fully exploit the features of the software.  
12 These investments may not necessarily be re-deployed easily to switch to another vendor's  
13 enterprise software. Switching to another vendor's software may entail substantial expense in  
14 the form of acquisition costs, implementation costs, customization costs, and the cost of re-  
15 training of employees. Finally, comparative life-cycle pricing is difficult given the numerous  
16 variable costs involved, which all can vary as a company expands or downsizes. Customers  
17 make their investments believing, based on Oracle's own statements, that they will be permitted  
18 to obtain Oracle's software and later, if they choose, transition from Oracle to a third-party  
19 support provider like Rimini to provide support for the software. But now that these customers  
20 are locked in to Oracle software—having built their business infrastructure around the software  
21 and invested [REDACTED]—Oracle seeks to capitalize on their vulnerability by changing  
22 its policies and otherwise erecting barriers to prevent its customers from transitioning to third-  
23 party support.

24 99. Oracle's conduct is designed to, and will, reduce competition and customer  
25 choice in the aftermarket (or aftermarkets) for software support. As a result of Oracle's  
26 unprecedented actions, customers can no longer use Rimini to download software support files  
27 they have already paid for and are entitled to obtain, possess, and use as they transition to a  
28 third-party support provider. These customers thus must choose between conducting their own

1 downloading (and attempting to navigate the byzantine Oracle Websites on their own), trying  
 2 to identify a third-party resource with the knowledge and capacity to navigate the Oracle  
 3 Websites and perform the downloads, or leaving Oracle support without the files for which they  
 4 paid [REDACTED] fees. This serves as a barrier to deter customers from leaving Oracle support,  
 5 and, for those customers that elect to do so anyway, makes transitioning more burdensome and  
 6 inefficient. Such conduct penalizes customers that deal with Oracle's competitors and further  
 7 deters customers from switching from Oracle aftermarket support to other competitors, thus  
 8 compelling customers to deal with Oracle exclusively on a de facto basis.

9 100. Oracle's attempted revocation also violates the antitrust laws and harms  
 10 competition because Oracle is wrongfully seeking to leverage its copyright monopoly over its  
 11 enterprise software and support materials to control the aftermarket (or aftermarkets) for  
 12 uncopyrightable software support services. A copyright owner's attempt "to impermissibly  
 13 expand his lawful protection from competition contravenes not only the policy of the copyright  
 14 laws, but also the central purpose of the antitrust laws . . . to preserve competition." *Omega*  
 15 *S.A. v. Costco Wholesale Corp.*, 776 F.3d 692, 699 (9th Cir. 2015) (Wardlaw, J. concurring).

16 101. Oracle's message to its customers is clear: if they do not want to lose access to  
 17 support materials they have paid [REDACTED] for, these customers must stay with  
 18 Oracle aftermarket support in perpetuity. Oracle's aggressive tactics create a strong  
 19 disincentive for its customers to engage Oracle's competitors like Rimini, and further enable  
 20 Oracle to maintain its dominant market position and [REDACTED].

## 21 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

### 22 **(Declaration of Non-Infringement of Copyrights)**

#### 23 **(Against Oracle International Corporation)**

24 102. Rimini incorporates by reference and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 101 as if  
 25 set forth in full herein.

26 103. Rimini seeks a declaratory judgment under (i) the United States Copyright Act  
 27 of 1976, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.* (the "Copyright Act"), and (ii) 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202  
 28 (the "Declaratory Judgment Act"). There presently exists a justiciable controversy regarding

1 Rimini's right to provide software support free of any allegation by Oracle that such conduct  
2 constitutes an infringement of Oracle's copyrights.

3 104. Since at least 2010, Oracle has publicly accused Rimini of violating its software  
4 copyrights. On January 25, 2010, Oracle filed a Complaint against Rimini in the District of  
5 Nevada alleging, *inter alia*, infringement of copyrights that purportedly covered "numerous  
6 versions of Oracle software, including the updates, patches and fixes incorporated in each  
7 relevant version, service packs of Oracle updates, patches and fixes, and individual exemplar  
8 Software and Support Materials, including certain Oracle knowledge management solutions  
9 and certain Oracle updates, patches and fixes." *Rimini I*, ECF No. 1 at 20–21.

10 105. In its answer to Oracle's complaint, Rimini denied Oracle's copyright  
11 infringement allegations and asserted that the license agreements of its clients authorized its  
12 activities with respect to the asserted copyrights. *Rimini I*, ECF No. 30 at 25.

13 106. On March 30, 2012, Oracle filed its First Motion for Partial Summary Judgment  
14 of Infringement on eight copyright registrations relating to Rimini's provision of services for  
15 four of its clients. *Rimini I*, ECF Nos. 237, 246. In response, Rimini argued that its activities  
16 were authorized by Oracle's software licenses. *See Rimini I*, ECF No. 266.

17 107. The Court granted in part and denied in part Oracle's First Motion for Partial  
18 Summary Judgment in part on February 13, 2014. The Court found that Rimini had infringed  
19 six of Oracle's PeopleSoft copyrights when providing services to two of Rimini's PeopleSoft  
20 clients. *Rimini I*, ECF No. 474.

21 108. While Rimini respectfully disagrees with the Court's February 13, 2014 Order,  
22 Rimini modified its services to discontinue use of the processes the Court found to be infringing.  
23 By July 31, 2014, Rimini had completed the modifications to its processes to comply with the  
24 Court's February 13, 2014 Order.

25 109. Notwithstanding Rimini's changed processes to conform with the Court's order,  
26 and without specifying what specific processes are unlawful or how support could lawfully be  
27 provided as contemplated by its license agreements, Oracle has continued to assert that Rimini's  
28 new processes infringe Oracle's copyrights at case management conferences (*see Rimini I*, ECF

No. 490) and in post-trial briefing in *Rimini I*. Yet, in *Rimini I*, Oracle also repeatedly and successfully resisted including any adjudication of whether Rimini's current processes are infringing in the trial in *Rimini I*; that case addressed only Rimini's legacy processes.

110. The unanimous jury in *Rimini I* concluded that Rimini's infringement of Oracle's copyrights using its former processes was "innocent," meaning Rimini "was not aware that its acts constituted infringement" and "had no reason to believe that its acts constituted infringement."

111. On February 17, 2015, Oracle filed counterclaims in this action alleging that Rimini's current software support processes infringe Oracle's PeopleSoft copyrights. ECF No. 21. Oracle also filed amended counterclaims in this action on February 28, 2016, and on October 24, 2016, with additional allegations related to Oracle's PeopleSoft, JD Edwards, Siebel, Oracle Database, and E-Business Suite copyrights. ECF Nos. 173, 306.

112. Oracle's statements and actions make clear that a credible threat of immediate litigation exists for copyright infringement against Rimini. Indeed, such litigation has been ongoing for more than 18 months. Therefore, there presently exists a justiciable controversy regarding Rimini's right to provide software support free of any allegation by Oracle that such conduct constitutes an infringement of Oracle's copyrights. The parties thus have adverse legal interests over a dispute of sufficient reality that is capable of conclusive resolution through a declaratory judgment.

113. In light of the modifications Rimini has made to its processes for providing support for Oracle's software in compliance with this Court's February 2014 Order in *Rimini I*, Rimini requests a judgment declaring that, since at least July 31, 2014, Rimini has not infringed Oracle's software copyrights identified, dated, and numbered below:

Title of Work	Date of Registration	Registration Number
PeopleTools 7.5	November 20, 1998	TX 4-792-578
PeopleSoft 7.0 financials, distribution & manufacturing 7.0	December 15, 1998	TX 4-792-576

<b>Title of Work</b>	<b>Date of Registration</b>	<b>Registration Number</b>
PeopleSoft HRMS 7.0	December 15, 1998	TX 4-792-577
PeopleSoft HRMS 7.5	December 15, 1998	TX 4-792-575
PeopleSoft Financials, Distribution & Manufacturing 7.5	December 15, 1998	TX 4-792-574
PeopleTools 8.10	September 5, 2000	TX 5-266-221
PeopleSoft Financials and Supply Chain Management (FIN/SCM) 8.0	November 20, 2000	TX 5-291-439
PeopleSoft HRMS 8.0	November 20, 2000	TX 5-291-440
PeopleSoft 8 HRMS PeopleBooks	November 28, 2000	TX 5-311-638
PeopleSoft 8 Financials and Supply Chain Management PeopleBooks	November 28, 2000	TX 5-311-637
PeopleSoft 8 HRMS SP1	March 26, 2001	TX 5-501-312
PeopleSoft 8 FIN/SCM SP1	March 26, 2001	TX 5-501-313
PeopleSoft 8 EPM SP3	March 30, 2001	TX 5-345-698
PeopleSoft 8 Customer Relationship Management PeopleBooks	September 27, 2001	TX 5-456-778
PeopleSoft 8 Promotions Management, Collaborative Supply Management, eRFQ, Supplier Connection, and Supply Chain Portal Pack PeopleBooks	September 27, 2001	TX 5-456-781
PeopleSoft 8 Customer Relationship Management	September 27, 2001	TX 5-456-777
PeopleSoft 8 Financials and Supply Chain Management: Service Pack 2	September 27, 2001	TX 5-456-780
PeopleSoft 8 FIN/SCM SPI PeopleBooks	October 19, 2001	TX 5-595-355
PeopleSoft 8 Student Administration Solutions PeopleBooks	November 30, 2001	TX 5-431-290
PeopleSoft 8.3 HRMS PeopleBooks	February 1, 2002	TX 5-469-031
PeopleSoft 8.3 HRMS	February 1, 2002	TX 5-469-032

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PeopleSoft 8.3 Enterprise Performance Management PeopleBooks	March 11, 2002	TX 5-485-842
PeopleSoft 8.3 Enterprise Performance Management	March 11, 2002	TX 5-485-839
PeopleSoft 8.1 Customer Relationship Management PeopleBooks	March 20, 2002	TX 5-733-209
PeopleSoft 8.1 Customer Relationship Management	March 20, 2002	TX 5-493-450
PeopleSoft 8.4 Financials and Supply Chain Management	August 5, 2002	TX 5-586-247
PeopleTools 8.4	August 5, 2002	TX 5-586-248
PeopleTools 8.4 PeopleBooks	August 5, 2002	TX 5-586-249
PeopleSoft 8.4 Financials and Supply Chain Management PeopleBooks	August 5, 2002	TX 5-586-246
PeopleSoft 8.4 Customer Relationship Management PeopleBooks	August 7, 2002	TX 5-586-236
PeopleSoft 8.8 HRMS	June 11, 2004	TX 6-093-947
PeopleSoft 8.8 Customer Relationship Management	June 11, 2004	TX 6-015-317
PeopleSoft 8.8 Enterprise Performance Management	June 11, 2004	TX 5-993-616
Database of Documentary Customer Support Materials for PeopleSoft Software	July 1, 2009	TXu1-607-454
PeopleSoft HRMS 8.8 SP1	February 10, 2010	TX 7-065-376
PeopleSoft HRMS 8.9	February 10, 2010	TX 7-065-381
PeopleSoft HRMS 9.0	February 10, 2010	TX 7-065-386
PeopleSoft HRMS 9.1	February 10, 2010	TX 7-065-398
PeopleSoft Customer Relationship Management 8.8 SP1	February 10, 2010	TX 7-063-664



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PeopleSoft Customer Relationship Management 8.9	February 10, 2010	TX 7-063-668
PeopleSoft Customer Relationship Management 9.0	February 10, 2010	TX 7-065-371
PeopleSoft Customer Relationship Management 9.1	February 10, 2010	TX 7-063-653
PeopleSoft Financials and Supply Chain Management 8.8	February 10, 2010	TX 7-063-688
PeopleSoft Enterprise Performance Management 8.8 SP2	February 10, 2010	TX 7-063-683
PeopleSoft Enterprise Performance Management 8.9	February 10, 2010	TX 7-063-672
PeopleSoft Enterprise Performance Management 9.0	February 10, 2010	TX 7-063-679
PeopleSoft Financials and Supply Chain Management 8.8 SP1	February 11, 2010	TX 7-065-319
PeopleSoft Financials and Supply Chain Management 8.9	February 11, 2010	TX 7-065-332
PeopleSoft Financials and Supply Chain Management 9.0	February 11, 2010	TX 7-065-354
PeopleSoft Financials and Supply Chain Management 9.1	February 11, 2010	TX 7-065-357
PeopleSoft Student Administration Solutions 8.0 SP1	February 24, 2010	TX 7-077-447
PeopleSoft Campus Solutions 8.9	February 24, 2010	TX 7-077-451
PeopleSoft Campus Solutions 9.0	February 24, 2010	TX 7-077-460
PeopleTools 8.42	March 8, 2010	TX 7-092-406
PeopleTools 8.43	March 8, 2010	TX 7-092-603
PeopleTools 8.44	March 8, 2010	TX 7-092-583
PeopleTools 8.45	March 8, 2010	TX 7-092-617



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PeopleTools 8.46	March 8, 2010	TX 7-092-772
PeopleTools 8.47	March 8, 2010	TX 7-092-797
PeopleTools 8.48	March 8, 2010	TX 7-092-819
PeopleTools 8.49	March 8, 2010	TX 7-092-855
PeopleTools 8.50	March 8, 2010	TX 7-092-757
PeopleSoft Portal Solutions 9.0	March 10, 2010	TX 7-095-777
PeopleSoft Portal Solutions 8.8	March 10, 2010	TX 7-095-798
PeopleSoft Financials and Supply Chain Management 9.2	February 10, 2016	TX 8-151-288
PeopleSoft Human Capital Management 9.2	February 10, 2016	TX 8-151-289
PeopleSoft PeopleTools 8.51	February 10, 2016	TX 8-151-290
PeopleSoft PeopleTools 8.53	February 10, 2016	TX 8-151-292
PeopleSoft PeopleTools 8.52	February 10, 2016	TX 8-151-294
Initial release of JDE EnterpriseOne XE	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-033
Cumulative Update 8 for JDE EnterpriseOne Xe	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-048
Initial release of JDE EnterpriseOne 8.0	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-050
Cumulative Update 1 for JDE EnterpriseOne 8.0	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-034
Initial release of JDE EnterpriseOne 8.9	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-049
Initial release of JDE EnterpriseOne 8.10	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-038
Cumulative Update 2 for JDE EnterpriseOne 8.10	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-032
Initial release of JDE EnterpriseOne 8.11	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-028
Initial release of JDE EnterpriseOne 8.11 SP1	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-040
ESU for JDE EnterpriseOne 8.11 SP1	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-027

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Cumulative Update 1 for JDE EnterpriseOne 8.11 SP1	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-039
Initial release of JDE EnterpriseOne 8.12	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-041
ESU for JDE EnterpriseOne 8.12	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-045
Cumulative Update 1 for JDE EnterpriseOne 8.12	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-042
Initial release of JDE World A7.3	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-029
Cumulative Update 16 for JDE World A7.3	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-031
Initial release of JDE World A8.1	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-047
Code Change for JDE World A8.1	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-044
Initial release of JDE World A9.1	April 26, 2007	TX 6-541-030
Cumulative Update 6 for JDE World A8.1	May 1, 2007	TX 6-545-421
Electronic Software Update JM16587 for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne 9.1	November 12, 2015	TX 8-116-321
Electronic Software Update JM16600 for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne 9.1	November 12, 2015	TX 8-116-317
Electronic Software Update JM17007 for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne 9.1	November 12, 2015	TX 8-116-314
Electronic Software Update JN10058 for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne 9.2	December 21, 2015	TX 8-130-597
Siebel 6.3 Initial Release and Documentation	June 29, 2009	TX 6-941-989
Siebel 7.0.5 Initial Release and Documentation	June 29, 2009	TX 6-941-988
Siebel 7.5.2 Initial Release and Documentation	June 29, 2009	TX 6-941-990
Siebel 7.7.1 Initial Release and Documentation	June 29, 2009	TX 6-941-993
Siebel 7.8 Initial Release and Documentation	June 29, 2009	TX 6-941-995
Siebel 8.0 Initial Release and Documentation	June 29, 2009	TX 6-942-000
Siebel 8.1.1 Initial Release and Documentation	June 29, 2009	TX 6-942-001

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Database of Documentary Customer Support Materials for PeopleSoft Software	July 1, 2009	TXu1-607-454
Database of Documentary Customer Support Materials for J.D. Edwards Software	July 1, 2009	TXu1-607-455
Database of Documentary Customer Support Materials for Siebel Software	July 1, 2009	TXu1-607-453
Cumulative Update 3 for JDE EnterpriseOne 8.12	January 15, 2010	TX 7-041-278
Initial release of JDE EnterpriseOne 9.0	January 15, 2010	TX 7-041-256
Cumulative Update 1 for JDE EnterpriseOne 9.0	January 15, 2010	TX 7-041-267
Initial release of JDE World A9.2	January 15, 2010	TX 7-041-290
Oracle 8i Enterprise Edition, Release 2 (8.1.6)	February 2, 2001	TX 5-222-106
Oracle 9i Database Enterprise: Edition Release 2	June 13, 2003	TX 5-673-282
Oracle Database 10g: Release 1	January 16, 2009	TX 6-938-648
Oracle Database 10g: Release 2	June 29, 2009	TX 6-942-003
Oracle Database 11g: Release 1	March 24, 2011	TX 7-324-157
Oracle Database 11g: Release 2	March 24, 2011	TX 7-324-158
Oracle E-Business Suite 12.0.0	August 4, 2015	TX 8-060-232
Oracle E-Business Suite Human Capital Management 12.0.0	October 29, 2015	TX 8-108-944
Oracle E-Business Suite Financial 12.0.0	August 4, 2015	TX 8-060-258
Oracle E-Business Suite Procurement 12.0.0	October 29, 2015	TX 8-108-850
Oracle E-Business Suite 12.2.2	August 4, 2015	TX 8-060-253
Oracle E-Business Suite Human Capital Management 12.2.2	October 29, 2015	TX 8-108-877
Oracle E-Business Suite Financial 12.2.2	August 4, 2015	TX 8-060-269
Oracle E-Business Suite Procurement 12.2.2	October 29, 2015	TX 8-108-872

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Oracle E-Business Suite 12.1.1	August 4, 2015	TX 8-060-249
Oracle E-Business Suite Human Capital Management 12.1.1	October 29, 2015	TX 8-108-891
Oracle E-Business Suite Financial 12.1.1	August 4, 2015	TX 8-060-255
Oracle E-Business Suite Procurement 12.1.1	October 29, 2015	TX 8-108-924
Oracle E-Business Suite 11.5.10	August 4, 2015	TX 8-060-225
Oracle E-Business Suite Human Capital Management 11.5.10	October 29, 2015	TX 8-108-914
Oracle E-Business Suite Financial 11.5.10	August 4, 2015	TX 8-060-259
Oracle E-Business Suite Procurement 11.5.10	October 29, 2015	TX 8-108-961
Oracle E-Business Suite 11.5.1	August 4, 2015	TX 8-060-246
Oracle E-Business Suite Human Capital Management 11.5.1	October 29, 2015	TX 8-108-902
Oracle E-Business Suite Financial 11.5.1	August 4, 2015	TX 8-060-264
Oracle E-Business Suite Procurement 11.5.1	October 29, 2015	TX 8-108-968
Oracle E-Business Suite 12 US and Canada End of Year 2013 Statutory Update III	February 10, 2016	TX 8-150-451
Oracle E-Business Suite Purchasing 11.5.1	January 8, 2014	TX 7-781-659
Oracle E-Business Suite Purchasing 11.5.9	January 8, 2014	TX 7-781-641
PeopleSoft Customer Relationship Management 9.0	February 10, 2010	TX 7-065-371
PeopleSoft Portal Solutions 9.1	March 10, 2010	TX 7-095-773
PeopleTools 8.42	March 8, 2010	TX 7-092-406
Database of Documentary Customer Support Materials for J.D. Edwards Software	July 1, 2009	TXu1-607-455
Database of Documentary Customer Support Materials for Siebel Software	July 1, 2009	TXu1-607-453

**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(Declaration of No Violation of Federal, California, and Nevada Anti-Hacking Statutes)**

**(Against All Defendants)**

114. Rimini incorporates by reference and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 113 as if set forth in full herein.

115. Rimini seeks a declaratory judgment under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202 (the “Declaratory Judgment Act”). There presently exists a justiciable controversy regarding whether access by Rimini to the Oracle Websites after Oracle’s attempted revocation of Rimini’s access rights takes effect will constitute a violation of the federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (18 U.S.C. § 1030) (“CFAA”), the California anti-hacking statute (Cal. Penal Code § 502), and the Nevada anti-hacking statute (Nev. Rev. Stat. § 205.4765).

116. Oracle’s January 17, 2017 letter to Rimini purports to revoke Rimini’s access to the Oracle Websites as of March 18, 2017. Oracle’s letter also states that “any continued access [by Rimini to the Oracle Websites] may violate state and federal computer access laws.”

117. Rimini accesses the Oracle Websites as an appointed agent of Oracle’s customers, pursuant to the authorization and permission granted to Rimini by those customers.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. These customers have authorized Rimini to act as an agent to, among other things, access and download support materials from the Oracle Websites on their behalf. As a result, Rimini has the authority to access the Oracle Websites as an agent of Oracle’s customers, when so appointed, and Rimini’s access to, use of, and downloading from, the Oracle Websites is authorized and permitted, regardless of Oracle’s cease and desist letter and counterclaims seeking to block Rimini’s access to the Oracle Websites.

118. In light of Oracle’s cease and desist letter and counterclaims, and Oracle’s conduct in *Rimini I*, Oracle’s statements and actions make clear that a credible threat of immediate litigation exists regarding whether any access to the Oracle Websites by Rimini after

1 the 60-day notice period constitutes a violation of the federal and state anti-hacking laws. The  
2 parties thus have adverse legal interests over a dispute of sufficient reality that is capable of  
3 conclusive resolution through a declaratory judgment.

4 119. Rimini therefore requests a judgment declaring that any access to, use of, and  
5 downloading from, the Oracle Websites after March 18, 2017 as authorized by Rimini's clients  
6 does not violate the federal, California, or Nevada anti-hacking statutes.

7 120. Moreover, although Oracle's revocation letter was sent on behalf of both Oracle  
8 America, Inc. and Oracle International Corporation ("OIC"), [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

11 **(Declaration of Unenforceability of Copyrights As a Result of Copyright Misuse)**

12 **(Against Oracle International Corporation)**

13 121. Rimini incorporates by reference and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 120 as if  
14 set forth in full herein.

15 122. Rimini seeks a declaratory judgment under the Declaratory Judgment Act.  
16 There presently exists a justiciable controversy regarding whether Oracle's attempted  
17 revocation of Rimini's access to the Oracle Websites constitutes copyright misuse. The parties  
18 thus have adverse legal interests over a dispute of sufficient reality that is capable of conclusive  
19 resolution through a declaratory judgment.

20 123. In light of Oracle's attempt to extend its copyright over software into the  
21 aftermarket for software support in violation of the policies underlying the copyright laws,  
22 Rimini seeks a declaration that Oracle's copyrights listed in Paragraph 113 are unenforceable  
23 until Oracle withdraws its revocation of Rimini's access to the Oracle Websites.

24 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

25 **(Intentional Interference With Contractual Relations)**

26 **(Against All Defendants)**

27 124. Rimini incorporates by reference and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 123 as if  
28 set forth in full herein.



1           125. At all relevant times, Rimini has maintained valid contracts with clients to  
2 provide aftermarket support services for software that its clients had licensed from Oracle.

3           126. At all relevant times, Oracle had knowledge of the existence of these valid  
4 contracts between Rimini and its clients. Indeed, Oracle has contacted a number of Rimini's  
5 clients directly regarding their use of Rimini's software support services.

6           127. Oracle has engaged in a concerted campaign to create fear, uncertainty, and  
7 doubt among Rimini's clients and to interfere with and disrupt the valid contracts between  
8 Rimini and its clients. As set forth above, Oracle's campaign includes, without limitation,  
9 numerous false and misleading representations regarding Rimini's software support services  
10 and targeting Rimini's clients with threats of selective license audits, and Oracle's purported  
11 revocation of Rimini's ability to access the Oracle Websites on behalf of Rimini's clients, which  
12 Rimini has agreed to do by contract.

13           128. Oracle's actions are designed to induce Rimini's clients to breach their contracts  
14 with Rimini or, at a minimum, to disrupt those contracts in order for Oracle to obtain an unfair  
15 competitive advantage over Rimini. Oracle knows that its actions are certain, or substantially  
16 certain, to cause the breach and/or disruption of the contracts between Rimini and its clients.

17           129. Oracle's intentional interference has resulted in the actual breach and/or  
18 disruption of the contractual relationships that Rimini enjoyed with a number of its clients.  
19 Rimini has also been forced to dedicate substantial resources to investigate and respond to client  
20 concerns related to Oracle's wrongful conduct alleged herein, thereby making Rimini's  
21 enjoyment of the contracts more expensive and burdensome. Moreover, Oracle's purported  
22 revocation of Rimini's access to the Oracle Websites has impeded Rimini's ability to provide  
23 downloading support to its clients, and made Rimini's provision of such services more  
24 burdensome, which services Rimini is obligated to perform by the terms of its contracts with  
25 clients.

26           130. As a direct and proximate result of Oracle's intentional interference with  
27 Rimini's contractual relations, Rimini has now suffered and will continue to suffer, economic  
28 harm, including, but not limited to, lost profits, costs of mitigation, loss of goodwill, injury to

its business reputation, and other actual, consequential, and/or incidental damages in an amount to be determined in the course of this proceeding. Oracle's wrongful conduct described herein was a substantial factor in causing this harm.

131. In engaging in this scheme to wrongfully interfere with the contractual relations between Rimini and its clients, Oracle's conduct was willful, malicious, oppressive, and in conscious disregard for Rimini's rights. Rimini is therefore entitled to an award of punitive damages to punish Oracle's wrongful conduct and to deter future wrongful conduct.

### **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **(Intentional Interference With Prospective Economic Advantage)**

#### **(Against All Defendants)**

132. Rimini incorporates by reference and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 131 as if set forth in full herein.

133. Rimini has prospective economic relationships with both its current and prospective clients. These economic relationships have a probable future economic benefit or advantage to Rimini and it is reasonably likely and probable that Rimini would have realized these economic advantages absent Oracle's wrongful conduct.

134. Oracle had knowledge of the existence of these prospective economic relationships. Indeed, Oracle has contacted a number of Rimini's clients directly regarding their use of Rimini's software support services.

135. Oracle has intentionally interfered with the prospective economic relationships by, for example, making numerous false and misleading representations to Rimini's current and prospective clients regarding Rimini's software support services, targeting Rimini's clients with threats of selective license audits, and by purporting to revoke Rimini's access to the Oracle Websites.

136. These actions by Oracle are designed to disrupt Rimini's prospective economic relationships with its current and prospective clients in order for Oracle to obtain an unfair competitive advantage over Rimini. Indeed, Oracle knows that its actions are certain or substantially certain to disrupt Rimini's prospective economic relationships.



1           137. Oracle's actions to interfere with Rimini's prospective economic relationships  
2 are independently wrongful acts because they are proscribed by the following legal standards:

3           a. Oracle's false and misleading statements to Rimini's current and  
4 prospective clients regarding Rimini's services constitute acts of consumer fraud and deceptive  
5 trade practices under the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act;

6           b. Oracle's false and misleading statements to Rimini's current and  
7 prospective clients regarding Rimini's services constitute violations of the Lanham Act;

8           c. Oracle's conduct described herein constitutes violations of California  
9 Business and Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.*;

10           d. Oracle's conduct described herein constitutes copyright misuse; and

11           e. [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]

14           138. Oracle's intentional interference has actually disrupted Rimini's prospective  
15 economic relationships with some of its current and prospective clients. Indeed, but for  
16 Oracle's anticompetitive tactics and as a direct result of Oracle's wrongful conduct, some  
17 clients have terminated their relationships with Rimini or decided against expanding their  
18 relationship with Rimini, and some prospective clients have decided against contracting with  
19 Rimini for aftermarket support of their Oracle software products. Moreover, Oracle's purported  
20 revocation of Rimini's access to the Oracle Websites has impeded Rimini's ability to provide  
21 downloading support to its prospective and current clients, and has made Rimini's provision of  
22 software support services more burdensome, thereby disrupting Rimini's expectation of future  
23 gain from Rimini's existing economic relationships.

24           139. As a direct and proximate result of Oracle's intentional interference with  
25 Rimini's prospective economic relationships, Rimini has now suffered and will continue to  
26 suffer, economic harm, including, but not limited to, lost profits, costs of mitigation, loss of  
27 goodwill, injury to Rimini's business reputation, and other actual, consequential, and/or  
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1 incidental damages in an amount to be determined in the course of this proceeding. Oracle's  
2 wrongful conduct described herein was a substantial factor in causing this harm.

3 140. In engaging in this concerted campaign to interfere with Rimini's prospective  
4 economic relationships with its current and prospective clients, Oracle's conduct was willful,  
5 malicious, oppressive, and in conscious disregard for Rimini's rights. Rimini is therefore  
6 entitled to an award of punitive damages to punish Oracle's wrongful conduct and to deter  
7 future wrongful conduct.

### 8 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### 9 **(Violations of Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act)**

#### 10 **(Against All Defendants)**

11 141. Rimini incorporates by reference and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 140 as if  
12 set forth in full herein.

13 142. As described herein, Oracle has committed acts of consumer fraud and deceptive  
14 trade practices within the meaning of NRS § 41.600(2)(e) and NRS §§ 598.0903, *et seq.* These  
15 acts include, without limitation, (i) Oracle's numerous false and misleading representations of  
16 fact disparaging Rimini's services, and (ii) purporting to allow licensees that purchase Oracle  
17 software to use third-party support providers such as Rimini but then directly interfering with  
18 licensees' ability to do so, including by attempting to revoke Rimini's access to the Oracle  
19 Websites and the other acts as alleged herein.

20 143. Oracle's false and misleading representations of fact disparaging Rimini's  
21 services include, but are not limited to, that (i) [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]  
23 [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED]  
26 [REDACTED]  
27 [REDACTED]  
28 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED]

5 144. Rimini's current and prospective clients have relied upon Oracle's false and  
6 misleading misrepresentations of fact regarding Rimini's services to Rimini's detriment.

7 145. This evidence that Oracle has engaged in deceptive trade practices is also *prima*  
8 *facie* evidence of Oracle's intent to injure Rimini and to destroy or substantially lessen  
9 competition in aftermarket service for Oracle's software products.

10 146. Oracle's conduct, as alleged herein, constitutes "bait and switch" advertising as  
11 that term is defined in NRS §§ 598.0903, *et seq.*

12 147. Oracle's deceptive trade practices and acts of consumer fraud have proximately  
13 caused the actual breach and/or disruption of the contractual relationships that Rimini enjoyed  
14 with a number of its clients. Oracle's actions have also resulted in the disruption of Rimini's  
15 prospective economic relationships with its current and prospective clients. And, as a direct  
16 result of Oracle's conduct, Rimini has suffered and will continue to suffer, economic harm,  
17 including, but not limited to, lost profits, costs of mitigation, loss of goodwill, injury to Rimini's  
18 business reputation, and other actual, consequential, and/or incidental damages in an amount to  
19 be determined in the course of this proceeding.

20 148. Unless Oracle is enjoined from continuing to commit the acts of consumer fraud  
21 described herein, Oracle's actions are likely to recur and will cause Rimini irreparable injury  
22 for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

23 149. Rimini is also entitled to its costs in this action and reasonable attorneys' fees  
24 under NRS § 41.600(3)(b).  
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**SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(Violations of the Lanham Act)**

**(Against All Defendants)**

150. Rimini incorporates by reference and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 149 as if set forth in full herein.

151. As described herein, Oracle has made false and misleading statements regarding Rimini's services in advertising or promotional material to Rimini's current and prospective clients. These false and misleading statements about Rimini's services were made in interstate commerce.

152. Oracle's false and misleading statements regarding Rimini's services actually deceived, or have a tendency to deceive, a substantial segment of Rimini's current and prospective clients to whom the false and misleading statements were directed. These false and misleading statements deceived, or have a tendency to deceive, Rimini's current and prospective clients into believing, without limitation, that [REDACTED]

153. Oracle has disseminated, and, upon information and belief, continues to disseminate, the false and misleading statements described herein to Rimini's current and prospective client base deliberately and with the intent of preventing customers that planned to

1 leave Oracle and contract with Rimini from doing so, and to induce clients that have chosen  
2 Rimini to terminate their relationships and return to Oracle.

3 154. Oracle's false and misleading statements regarding Rimini's services are  
4 material in that they are likely to influence, and, as alleged herein, have influenced, the  
5 purchasing decisions of Rimini's current and prospective clients.

6 155. Rimini has been and is likely to be further injured by Oracle's false and  
7 misleading statements about Rimini's services by the direct diversion of sales from Rimini to  
8 Oracle and by the lessening of the goodwill that Rimini enjoys with its clients with regard to  
9 Rimini's services.

10 156. Rimini is informed and believes that unless Oracle is enjoined from making false  
11 and misleading statements regarding Rimini's services in advertising and promotional material  
12 to Rimini's current and prospective clients, Rimini will continue to suffer immediate and  
13 irreparable injury. This injury includes negative impacts on Rimini's reputation that cannot be  
14 remedied through damages, and Rimini has no adequate remedy at law. Rimini is entitled to a  
15 permanent injunction pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116 restraining and enjoining Oracle and its  
16 agents, employees, and all persons acting in concert with or on their behalf from doing or  
17 causing any further violations of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125.

### 18 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### 19 **(Violations of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.*)**

#### 20 **(Against All Defendants)**

21 157. Rimini incorporates by reference and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 156 as if  
22 set forth in full herein.

23 158. Oracle's aforementioned actions constitute "unlawful" business practices under  
24 California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.*—including, but not limited to,  
25 Oracle's (i) intentional interference with Rimini's contractual relations, (ii) intentional  
26 interference with Rimini's prospective economic advantage, (iii) violations of the Nevada  
27 Deceptive Trade Practices Act, (iv) violations of the Lanham Act, (v) copyright misuse, and  
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1           159. Oracle's attempted revocation of Rimini's access to the Oracle Websites and  
 2 other conduct described above also constitutes an "unfair" business practice under California  
 3 Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.* and *Cel-Tech Commc'ns, Inc. v. Los Angeles*  
 4 *Cellular Tel. Co.*, 20 Cal. 4th 163 (1999).

5           160. Oracle's conduct violates the policy or spirit of the antitrust laws because its  
 6 effects are comparable to a violation of those laws, or otherwise significantly threatens or harms  
 7 competition as described herein.

8           161. Oracle's conduct also constitutes copyright misuse. A copyright owner's  
 9 attempt "to impermissibly expand his lawful protection from competition contravenes not only  
 10 the policy of the copyright laws, but also the central purpose of the antitrust laws . . . to preserve  
 11 competition." *Omega S.A. v. Costco Wholesale Corp.*, 776 F.3d 692, 699 (9th Cir. 2015)  
 12 (Wardlaw, J. concurring).

13           162. As a direct and proximate result of Oracle's unlawful and unfair acts, Rimini has  
 14 suffered injury to its business, including damage to its reputation and client relationships as  
 15 well as actual and consequential damages, including the loss of past, present, and future profits,  
 16 the loss of clients and potential clients, and disruption of its legally protected interest to operate  
 17 its business as intended. Rimini has no adequate remedy at law and will suffer further injury  
 18 and damage unless such wrongful conduct is enjoined.

19           163. Rimini therefore seeks an injunction pursuant to California Business and  
 20 Professions Code § 17203 prohibiting Oracle from engaging in unfair and unlawful business  
 21 practices, including those set forth herein, and remedying the harm Oracle has caused Rimini.

22           164. As a direct and proximate result of Oracle's unlawful and unfair acts, Oracle has  
 23 further been unjustly enriched in an amount to be determined at trial. Pursuant to Business and  
 24 Professions Code § 17203, Rimini seeks complete restitution from Oracle as a result of its unfair  
 25 and unlawful acts.

### 26           **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

27           WHEREFORE, in light of the foregoing allegations, Rimini seeks judgment awarding  
 28 it the following relief:

1 (a) A judgment declaring that, since at least July 31, 2014, Rimini has not infringed  
2 Oracle's software copyrights identified in Paragraph 113 of this Complaint;

3 (b) A judgment declaring that Rimini's access to the Oracle Websites, on behalf of  
4 Oracle customers with contractual rights to access and download files from those websites,  
5 would not constitute hacking under the CFAA or the California and Nevada anti-hacking  
6 statutes;

7 (c) A judgment declaring that Oracle's copyrights identified in Paragraph 113 are  
8 unenforceable in light of and until Oracle remedies its copyright misuse in the form of its refusal  
9 to give Rimini access to the Oracle Websites.

10 (d) Damages in an amount to be determined at trial;

11 (e) Injunctive relief, including an order prohibiting Oracle from engaging in the  
12 wrongful conduct described herein and remedying the harm caused by Oracle's conduct;

13 (f) Punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial;

14 (g) Attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses incurred in connection with this action; and

15 (h) All such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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22 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

23 In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b), Plaintiff Rimini Street, Inc. demands a trial by  
24 jury on all issues so triable.

1 Dated: September 19, 2017

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